

STRAIGHTAWAY RACES AT BELMONT TO BE LIMITED

**Only Five 5-Furlong
And One 6-Furlong Race
Announced by Secretary**

All the Five and a Half Furlong Events to Be Run Around the Turn, the Regular Way of the Track.

By Vincent Treanor

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Straightaway races at Belmont Park during the coming fall meetings will be limited. According to Secretary Earlecker there will be only six of them all told, five at five furlongs and the other, the Futurity, at six. All the 5½ furlong races, principally two-year-old events, will be run round the turn, the regular way of the track. In cutting down the races out of the chute, the Westchester Racing Association shows its willingness to finally please the public. Ever since the opening of Belmont Park in 1905, the straightaway running has been unpopular with the rank and file of race-goers for various reasons. In the first place, they were not visible to the naked eye, and even strong field glasses failed to show the position of the horses coming straight down on top of them. In the second place, the races were rarely run true. Horses, especially two-year-olds, swerved all over the track, cut across one another and generally became jammed up before they came into view in the last eighth of a mile.

Of course, there were some racers who could come down straight, but they were decidedly few. The widely separated inner and outer miles offered no support for the juveniles, who naturally look for a rail of some kind for general direction. Racing out of the chute was like running into nowhere to most of them, and even the strongest armed jockeys were of little assistance in guiding them down toward the finish. In almost eliminating the straightaway races, the fixtures will be fought out at the same line that was set this spring when the track was reconstructed and English way of running abandoned. This is a welcome change, be-

cause during the summer meeting dashes had to be crossed at all by except those who moved down the stretch to be at the old line near the former club house.

Harry Payne Whitney's Hunting re-established himself among the top-notch two-year-olds when he came along. He showed he was a very good youngster by his coming from behind an unusually fast pace set by Snob II, and catching him in the final sixteenth. Hunting stood the hardest kind of riding for Earlecker to close a three-length gap on the run to the stretch and showed that he had more than the best of any two-year-olds we have seen this season. Hunting broke from the outside and had considerable trouble early in getting in position. He then had to drop in behind Snob and take up what seemed a hopeless pursuit of the Sanford colt. The time of the race, 1:04.45 for five and a half furlongs, was evidence enough of Hunting's speed.

Charlie Stochim's Recount jumped suddenly from the stable pony class into a good miler in beating Elected II, in the fifth race. Recount was the outsider in the betting of the three-horse field. He ran right on top of the speedy Elected II, all the way and rolled past her coming to the stretch tied with his opponent. Recount has been a trailer. Last time out he was last, well beaten in a small field, and in the race before that he again pulled up in the ruck beaten some fifteen lengths.

Elected II ran as fast and as far as she could, but Recount was always ahead of her. So, so that when the Stochim horse won it all, as by Turner there was nothing to the race. The disappointment of the event was the performance of Queenie. He ran pounds and pounds below his real form, and was out of the contention early.

Hobey Baker had to be a real good sport to win the American under Cuthill. He gave all he had, but too far out in it behind Wornotie in the early running, so that he got up at the end only because Wornotie stopped in front of him in the final eighth. Cuthill was lucky then in getting his mount home a stride in front of Servitor, which finished full of steam. It was a really timed move. This one is due to win a race almost any day from now on.

Bepis is a real good sprinter. He staked his opponents on their heads during the early running of the Unus handicap, and had them all staggering badly in the last sixteenth.

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BAY STATE POLICE MAKE AUTO DRIVING MUCH SAFER THERE

There Are Fewer Accidents, But Car Owners Complain of Drastic Rules.

BOSTON, Aug. 30.—There is no longer any automobile speeding in Massachusetts. Reckless driving and driving while under the influence of liquor have been reduced to the minimum. For the first time in the history of motor cars, drivers keep on the right side of the road and regard lights as life-saving necessities, rather than casual beacons. There are two reasons for this—the new State Police and the drastic rules of Frank A. Goodwin, the Registrar, who has charge of the State Automobile Bureau.

Recently there was an orgy of speeding in Massachusetts. Scores of children were killed and drivers often did not stop after accidents. Bootlegging was prevalent, and cars which carried liquor went at high speed and would not stop except in cases of extreme necessity. With Prohibition and the almost universal halt of the open sale of liquor in the State, "roadside parties," which "carried it with them," became a new menace to the public.

The California had everything going their way in the Metropolitan championship singles upon the turf lawn tennis courts of the Crescent Athletic Club at Bay Ridge yesterday. The Kinsey brothers, generally rated as "comers" from the Pacific Coast, made the best showing of the day. Robert Kinsey, the more skillful of the two, defeated D. M. Pearson and Percy L. Kynaston, while Howard Kinsey outplayed Leonard W. Knox and Manfred Goldman. Goldman is the winner of the Bermuda championship. The Kinsey Brothers and Willis E. Davis moved into the third round without the loss of a set.

Gilbert displayed considerable master and varied assortment of ground strokes that more than upset his opponents. The tall Englishman began by defeating Louis Schlesinger, 6-1. Then he beat the German, Alfried D. Hammert, and taught the American chop stroker wherein lay the vulnerable spots of his game. Gilbert's draw through the net was also well done and he tallied 6-2, 6-4, against Hammert.

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against a Japanese, Sadaoza, Onida, and had to leave New York. The result of it was that he went up to the net in every rally overhanding the ball or volleying so low that he began by defeating Louis Schlesinger, 6-1. Then he beat the German, Alfried D. Hammert, and taught the American chop stroker wherein lay the vulnerable spots of his game. Gilbert's draw through the net was also well done and he tallied 6-2, 6-4, against Hammert.

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